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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
BURUNDI

IPF: (1987-91) $33 247 000
(BDI/87/C01) - Integrated Rural Development in the Commune of Mutumba

Date of approval by the AC: 1/	25 September 1991
Expected duration:	Four years
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock
Proposed UNCDF contribution:	$1 307 600
Source of funds:	UNCDF General Resources

Project background

Burundi is a small (27,835 km^2) country, landlocked and low-income in Central Africa with a GNP/capita of $220 and a population that amounts to 5 million, of which 95 percent live in rural areas.

Agriculture is the main economic sector that employs 88 percent of the total workforce; however, rapid population growth (2.8 per annum) crates increasing demand and pressure on cultivatable land, leading to loss of soil fertility, deforestation and soil erosion. Government priorities for rural development are the attainment of food self-sufficiency through increased production of food crops, the dissemination of adapted technologies, and the creation of income-generating activities.

The Commune of Mutumba, in the province of Karuzi, belongs to one of the poorest regions in Burundi. It covers an area of 182.7 km^2 and has a population of 26,705. Also, crop yields are low, because of poor and eroded soils, as is livestock productivity; and access to the Commune is very difficult.

In the course of a planning and project identification mission carried out in Burundi in May 1987, the Government requested UNCDF to finance a rural development project within the province of Karuzi. The proposed project will build on the experience developed by an Italian NGO, CISV, which has been working in Mutumba for the past five years. The NGO has set up a Centre for Agricultural Development, developed technological packages, tested their acceptance by the peasants, and strengthened the technical capacity of the Commune staff; and is also active in the fields of housing, water supply health and education.

Description of project

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) improve agricultural production and protect the environment by implementing soil fertilisation techniques on 900 small holder farms, reforesting 390 hectares setting up an efficient distribution network on

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agricultural inputs, and creating pilot demonstration plots for a total of 16 hectares; (b) increase animal production by improving the feeding and health of cattle genetic breeding characteristics; and creating 15 pre-cooperative groups to facilitate the promotion of livestock production activities; (c) provide support services to the latter groups (decentralisation of veterinary and extension services and enlargement of the existing Agricultural Centre, transport of inputs, training); (d) create non-agricultural employment through the provision of a $50,000 revolving fund for the support of income-generating activities; (e) improve access to the Commune by rehabilitating 3.3 km of roads; and (f) construct a primary school for 600 pupils (six classes) and provide furniture and didactic material.

It is expected that, by the end of the project, annual income per family concern will have increased by a factor of 2.75 for crop production, by a factor of 5.9 for goat breeding and by a factor of 3.2 for other livestock production activities.

Inputs

UNCDF will cover the cost of agricultural and livestock inputs (of which 38 percent will be provided through revolving funds) and of improved breeding stock (to be reimbursed in kind); a sub-contract with implementing NGO, CISV, for the provision of support services, as well as sub-contracts for transport and training; transport and school equipment; construction of decentralisation structures, enlargement of the Agricultural Centre, rehabilitation of roads and school construction; and the revolving fund for income-generating activities.

The Government will bear the cost of part of the local personnel and provide the land for the construction of decentralized facilities.

The NGO will provide technical assistance (an agronomist, a veterinarian and a civil engineer) and bear the cost of part of the local personnel as well as the operating costs of the Agricultural Centre.

Financial data

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Personnel	180 000
Subcontract	346 100
Expendable material	133 900
Non-expendable material	64 600
Constructions	228 000
Maintenance costs	25 200
Revolving funds	132 600
Contingencies	146 800
Miscellaneous	49 400
TOTAL	1 307 600

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